

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2004, Applicants amended claims 1 and 21, and cancelled claims 7, 14-16, 18-20 and 23. Claims 1-5, 8-10, 21, 22 and 24 are presented for examination.

The Examiner rejected the previously presented claims as purportedly failing to satisfy the written description and enablement requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants do not concede that these rejections were appropriate. Nonetheless, to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims to obviate the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. In particular, the claims have been amended to cover compositions that include a catalyst and a non-electrolytic material different than the catalyst, where the composition includes between about 75-95 weight percent catalyst with the balance being non-electrolytic material.

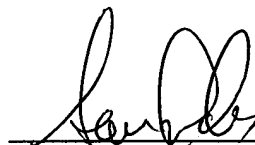
In view of the foregoing, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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